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Boy Found Dead In Cobbs Creek

Youngster, 2½, Drowns
After Wandering From
Grandmother's Home

The 2½-year-old son of an Army Air Force veteran was found dead, face down in Cobbs Creek, two hours after he wandered away from his grandmother's home Wednesday.

John Plaisied, 29, of 427 Haverford Rd., Wynnewood, told Haverford Township police that he and his son were visiting the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Plaisied, of 2444 Linden Drive, Merwood Park, on Wednesday afternoon. Plaisied has been divorced for two months from the baby's mother, Mrs. Lucille Hamber, of Clementon, N. J. He received custody of the child during divorce proceedings.

At 4:30 P. M., the veteran continued, he and his mother were talking in the living-room when the baby entered. They left him there, going upstairs, and when they returned he was gone. In the yard they found his toys but no sign of the child. They didn't become alarmed immediately, because the youngster had wandered away before.

With the help of several neighbors, Plaisied searched the area until 6:30 P. M. Then, he notified police. Acting superintendent James F. Hartness and the entire police force joined in the search, aided by the Oakmont Boy Scouts and the fire company.

At 7:10 P. M., "Mickey" Mighell, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynne B. Meghill, of 2502 Wynnefield Drive, Merwood Park, saw the body of the child, face down in Cobbs Creek and partially hidden by high weeds and bushes.

She returned for her father, and he and another neighbor rescued the body of the child, who had evidently fallen down a 10-foot embankment into the water. Although Mighell applied artificial respiration, as police rushed them to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, the baby was pronounced dead on arrival.

The child's father served from 1943 until 1946 in the European theater of operations, where he was a first lieutenant in the Air Corps. Since his divorce, he and his son have been living with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plaisied, of the Wynnewood address.

Merion Meeting Marks Founders Day on Sunday

Dr. Gilbert White, President
Of Haverford, Will
Be Speaker

Merion Meeting will observe Founders' Day on Sunday, September 28, at 3 P. M. Dr. Gilbert White, recently appointed president of Haverford College, will be guest speaker. Dr. White's topic will be "Penn's Sword."

One of the oldest religious organizations in this part of the country, Merion Meeting was founded in 1682 by the original settlers. The observance will be held in the Old Meeting House, built in 1685, which is thought to be the oldest place of worship in Philadelphia.

Vocal selections will be offered by Miss Barbara Anderson, of Highland Park, a member of Old Haverford Meeting.

There will be on display an exhibit of pictures of Merion Meeting. The collection contains pictures taken in every decade but one, of the nineteenth century. Samuel J. Bunting, Jr., Clerk of Overseers of Merion Meeting, will describe the exhibit briefly.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremonies.

Mrs. Musselman Dies at Home

Haverford Woman
Succumbs at 78

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Forrest Musselman, who died Monday at her home, 511 Rose Lane, Haverford, were held Thursday at 2 P. M., from her residence. Mrs. Musselman was 78 at the time of her death.

The widow of Norman Blanchard Musselman, a leather expert, Mrs. Musselman was the daughter of the late Henry C. Forrest, president of the company which built the statue of William Penn on City Hall.

She was the great-granddaughter of Colonel Jehu Eyre who served in the Revolutionary War, and the great-granddaughter of Jehu Eyre, noted shipbuilder.

A member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Genealogical Society, and the Daughters of the Revolution, Mrs. Musselman was also a member of the National Society of Magna Carta Dames.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Searing Wilson, with whom she lived, and Mrs. Edgar Dawson Paul, of Penn Valley, and three grandchildren.

DR. HART TO ADDRESS NARBERTH PTA SEPT. 29

The first meeting of the Narberth P. T. A. will be held September 29, at 8:30 in the auditorium of the Narberth School.

The Rev. John Robbins Hart, pastor of the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel, will be the speaker. His topic is "Raising the Rising Generation." The new president, Samuel K. Barclay, of 503 Haverford Ave., Narberth, will preside.

School Board Holds Petition For Busses

Three Residents
At Meeting;
100 Signed

Members of the Narberth School Board took under advisement a petition to resume free bus service for students attending Lower Merion Schools last Thursday night.

The petition, signed by over 100 Narberth residents, was presented to the Board by a delegation of only three parents.

In taking the petition under advisement, the Board reminded those present that the school code permits, but doesn't obligate, the Board to provide the bus service offered in previous years.

A scarcity of money was the principal reason for withholding immediate action on the petition, an official of the Board stated this week. In spite of increased taxes, he said, the Board is facing expenses of \$3313 for gymnasium repairs, \$5220 for new furnaces and \$227 for painting and miscellaneous repairs, plus salary increases.

Tuition costs for the Narberth students who attend Lower Merion Schools have been raised from \$25,700 in 1943-44 to \$44,000 in 1946-47, while expenses of instruction have risen from \$72,418 in 1944-45 to \$105,536 in 1946-47.

The entire school budget has been set at \$148,122 for the current school year, against \$72,418 for last year.

No money was appropriated this year, according to a Board member, for the additional expense of the bus service. Cost of the service was approximately \$4,000 at last year.

At the meeting, which was held in the School Building, one of the Board members stated that in his opinion, it was much more feasible to provide bus service for the younger Narberth Public School students if any bus service were to be resumed.

The petition will be shelved by the Board until such a time as funds are available to cover the cost of the service.

Mildred Young Will Appear in Concert Here

Larkin Sisters and Mezz-
Soprano Will Sing at
Ardmore Church

The name of Miss Mildred Young has been added to the group of singers who will appear on Sunday at the Ardmore Methodist Church, in a program sponsored by the Veterans Hospital programs.

Miss Young, a native of Pennsylvania, studied at the Juillard School of Music, in New York City, and has appeared as guest artist with the NBC Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Arturo Toscanini. She has sung parts in the operas "Macbeth" and "Tales of Hoffman," and during the war was a member of the USO Shows, and sang for servicemen in Brazil, Africa, Egypt and India. Miss Young was mezzo-soprano soloist at Christ Methodist Church in New York City.

Appearing with Miss Young will be the Larkin Sisters, a quartet of radio artists who have appeared on CBS, NBC and the Mutual network, and on television station WABD. A. E. Withrow, former Army captain who is manager of the troupe, will tell human interest stories about camps and hospitals.

The concert, which begins at 8:30 P. M., is open to the public.

GLADWYN MAN NAMED HEAD OF SPEAKMAN POST

Guy F. Mosteller, of 900 Youngsford Rd., Gladwyn, was elected commander of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion, of Narberth, at a meeting held Tuesday night in the Legion rooms of the Community Building.

He has been a member of the Post two years.

Other officers elected were: M. A. Mattoon, of Narberth, senior vice-commander; John H. Jafferis, Jr., of Narberth, junior vice-president; John A. Mowrer, Jr., of Narberth, finance officer; the Rev. Cletus A. Sent of Narberth, Chaplain; and Robert D. and George B. Knapp, Jr., sergeants-at-arms.

Members of the executive committee are: Edward V. Smith, George S. Burgess, Ralph Hoyle, Harold Nordbloom and Edward Einsinger.

RED FEATHER LEADERS



Organization and policy of the coming Community Chest Campaign were discussed at a meeting held last week at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford. Officers (from left to right), Algernon Roberts, of Bala-Cynwyd, chairman of the Main Line area; Morea D. Brown, of Haverford, chairman of the Districts Department; J. Paul Crawford, vice-president of the Districts Department; and Townsend Munson, vice-chairman of Zone A, looked over a blueprint of the area to be covered, after the meeting. The 1947 goal of the drive has been set at \$8,225,000 by campaign officials.

Dr. Look Says Youth Is Frustrated; In Need of Y's Character Building

Dr. Arnold E. Look, president of Ellis College, told those who gathered for the annual Fall Rally Dinner at the Main Line YMCA on Monday evening that there are millions of frustrated young people in the world today.

"They are looking for friendship, and they are lonely," Dr. Look continued. "An answer to their needs can be provided in a large part by the YMCA, which offers a wide variety of programs and activities."

The speaker went on to say that those forces which build character are not as numerous as they used to be, nor as constructive. He insisted that stage, movies, literature and even dime novels were cleaner in days past.

"In this age of luxury, we need more than ever the influence of organizations devoted to building character. Character is developed in three ways," Dr. Look continued. "First, through the scientific, cultural and spiritual; second, by wholesome activity, and third, by the contagion of personality."

"Elastic youth," he concluded, "must come in contact with persons who have character themselves."

There were 125 guests present at the dinner, which opened the 1947 Membership Drive, running from Sept. 22 to Oct. 13. Courtland Kanzenberger presided.

L.A. Hauslein, of Wynnewood, chairman of membership for the Metropolitan branch, awarded Emblem Pins to Pentz Pippin, of Linwood Ave., membership chairman for the Main Line Y, and to Arthur J. Kelly, of Ardmore, who secured the largest number of new members.

H. Rowland Weaver, executive secretary of the Main Line branch of the YMCA, gave a brief resume of the activities of the local group. Division leaders, Mr. Weaver said, will be busy for the next three weeks, bringing in new and renewed memberships.

Special guests at Monday evening's dinner included Charles U. Shellingberger, general secretary of the YMCA of Philadelphia and vicinity; August O. Becker, Paul McCoy and Alexander Corson, all members of the staff of the Metropolitan YMCA.

Overbrook 2nd Public League Rival for L. M.

Aces Defeated
Northeast, 20-7,
Last Friday

Overbrook, Lower Merion High's second straight Public League football opponent, will oppose the Ardmore Aces this Saturday afternoon on Pennypacker Field.

Before more than 8000 milling fans, one of the largest crowds ever to witness a grid game on the Ardmore field, Lower Merion maved Northeast High, 1946 city champion, 20 to 7, last Friday night in the opener. It was the first night game ever played by Lower Merion here and the turnaround crowd indicated that it won't be the last.

Stressing speed, power and deception, Coach Dick Mattis' machine rolled over the Archives, by scoring twice within the first three minutes. Many of the late arrivals still were seeking seats when the Main Liners chalked up their first score.

A fumble set the stage for the counter, Bill Buck pouncing on Tom Clemens' fumble on the Northeast 29. On the first play from scrimmage, L. M.'s captain, Len Shephard, broke through right tackle on a handout from Tommy Davis and raced 63 yards to Northeast's eight before Jimmy Woodend overhauled him. Davis then lateraled to Graham Hopper who plunged to a touchdown. Don Shaver placekicked the point.

Never giving the Archives a change to regain their breath, Lower Merion scored again a minute later. Charlie Ott fumbled a bad pass from center and recovered for Northeast on his nine. Another bad pass bounded over the goal line and again it was the irresponsible Buck who pounced on it for a score. Shaver converted, boasting L. M.'s lead to 14-0.

Lower Merion marched 63 yards for its third touchdown just before the first half ended. Shephard and Hopper alternated in ripping Northeast's nine to shreds and Shephard slashed over from the nine. Shaver's try for point was smothered.

Northeast, handicapped by an early injury to John Fitzgerald, brilliant tailback, pushed over its only score in the same quarter. A clipping penalty against L. M. gave the Archives possession on the locals' 35 and Charlie Ott went over from the two.

HOME SOLD
The Cape Cod style house at 400 Witley Rd., Wynnewood, has been sold for Olive E. Lykes to Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Ruddy, for \$14,000. The sale was made by E. A. Clark, broker, of Merion.

Railroad Workmen Rebuild Bridge at Narberth Avenue

Steel and Iron,
Concrete Base
Are Scheduled

Reconstruction of the Narberth Ave. bridge over the Pennsylvania was started this week by 15 railroad workmen, after a delay of almost four months.

The work, scheduled by railroad officials to take two months, will be done entirely by railroad workmen, and done entirely at railroad expense.

Plans for the new bridge, drawn up by the railroad, were presented to the Narberth Planning Commission last year for their consideration before final plans were authorized by the railroad.

The plans call for an entirely new structure of steel and iron, with a new concrete roadbed. A curve of the deck on the new bridge will aid in eliminating abrupt changes in the grade caused by the present flat surface.

When construction is complete, the overall width of the structure will be approximately five or six feet wider, to allow for a new pedestrian walkway on the east side of the bridge. The roadbed in itself, however, will not be enlarged.

Officials of the railroad estimated the cost of the new bridge to be approximately \$40,000.

While the present wood and iron structure is being razed, all traffic is being detoured by way of Haverford, Elmwood and Wynnewood Aves.

Plans Discussed By YMCA Group

Main Line Units
Discuss Activities
For Bryn Mawr Boys

Representatives from a number of Main Line organizations attended a meeting sponsored by the John Winthrop Post 118, American Legion, Bryn Mawr, last Thursday evening at the Legion Home on the War Memorial grounds to discuss a winter program for boys in the Bryn Mawr area. The Main Line YMCA will assist in program planning and supervision of the project.

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Other organizations represented were Women's Auxiliary of American Legion; Mrs. Able Davis and Mrs. John M. Baird; Main Line Federation of Churches; Robert Myers, also C. W. Ogelsby and Stuart Grey, of the Legion, and Mrs. Frank E. Fleck, of the Bryn Mawr Women's Club.

Rev. Duncombe To Be Honored

Bala-Cynwyd Pastor
to Observe 18th
Anniversary

Members of the congregation and officials of the Bala-Cynwyd Methodist Church will honor Dr. Frank L. Duncombe, pastor of the Church for the past 18 years, at a reception to be held September 30, at 8 P. M., in the Bala-Cynwyd Women's Club.

Entertainment for the evening will include duets and solos by Harry Martyn, Fritz Krueger, Betty Jean Kimble and Virginia Kendrick. Margaret Krueger will be the accompanist.

Their program will include: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee, Now Sing We Together, by the quartette; Solemn in Questore, by Martyn and Krueger; Munciequitta Linda and Clavellitos, by Betty Kimble; a Stephen Foster medley, by the quartet; Song to the Evening Star and Brothers of Romney, by Martyn; Rigoletto Quartette, It's a Grand Night for Singing, It Might as Well Be Spring, and June Is Busting Out, by the quartet.

Also: Sweethearts, by Betty Kimble and Krueger; Hindu Summer Song and Jeanne D'Arc's Farewell, by Virginia Kendrick; Old Mother Hubbard and Thine Alone, by Krueger; Just Because You're You, by Virginia Kendrick and Martyn; and Moonbeams and the Donkey Serenade, by the quartette.

Dr. Duncombe announced this week that the Church will observe College and University Night at the Sunday evening services September 28. Special guests will be college professors, presidents and instructors.

FOOD, CLOTHING SENT TO EUROPEAN YOUNGSTERS

Members of the Evening Auxiliary of All Saints Church, Wynnewood, have arranged through Mrs. Estelle L. Love, of Love's Lane, Wynnewood, to supply 45 girls of the Convent of All Saints Sisters, London, England, with gifts.

The Church group will send shoes, sweaters, ribbons, food, candy and Christmas packages to the youngsters who range in age from two and one-half to 14 years of age.

The Auxiliary is under the direction of Mrs. Paul Taylor, of Wynnewood. Other officers are: Anna Louise Campior, of Wynnewood, vice-president; Elsie Humphrey, of Haverford, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Morton Fullz, of Ardmore, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Ewins, of Narberth, treasurer; and Christine Mahl, of Narberth, Parish Council representative.

Medical Corps Opens Drive

Volunteer Group Needs
New Ambulance,
Other Aids

The Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Narberth opened a drive for funds to pay for a new ambulance, on Monday.

The proceeds will be used to pay for a new ambulance, delivery of which has been promised within a short time. Residents of Wynwood, Merion and Narberth will be solicited for aid.

Besides voluntary contributions, a member of the board of directors pointed out this week, the only funds available to the Corps are the proceeds from the annual Bryn Mawr Kennel Club show.

In a letter which went out to residents this week, the group said "The Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Narberth has completed its sixth year of service to the community. In answering 154 ambulance calls in the past year, our trained, volunteer workers have been available at many civic activities."

"Our present ambulance is a 1932 LaSalle, and since its purchase three years ago it has transported many persons to and from nearby hospitals. The demands by the public on our services have increased tremendously, and no doubt will continue to do so as time goes on. This ever-increasing demand, as well as the fact that it is difficult to secure parts for the present equipment, have necessitated our ordering a new ambulance, delivery of which has been promised in a very short time."

"The new ambulance about which we have talked so long is almost a reality—but we need your continued support. The increased costs of medical supplies, maintenance, insurance, telephone and laundry services all constitute a problem solved only by the financial and moral support of each and every individual. Will you subscribe for the year ending September 30, 1948?"

Township Policeman Attending Training Course

Sergeant George H. Kramer, of the Lower Merion Police force, is one of two dozen Pennsylvania traffic and police officers attending the Seventh Annual Traffic Officers Training Course being conducted September 15-26 at Penn State by the Institute of Local Government and the Institute of Public Safety of the College extension services.

The two-week course to train police officers in the field of traffic control and safety is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In addition to traffic control and safety, the following fields are also being covered: Accident investigation, public relations, safety education, Pennsylvania vehicles code, first aid and demonstration and use of audio-visual aids.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF CARS

Township commissioners last Wednesday night approved purchase of three new Chevrolet sedans from the Kirsch Chevrolet Co., to replace squad cars now in use. A net price of \$789.25 for each car was set.

Transatlantic Flying Simple Says Pilot, Ardmore Resident

"You leave LaGuardia Field at 2 P. M., make stops at Gander, Newfoundland; Preswick, Scotland; Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway, and by 7:30 P. M. of the second day you are in Stockholm, Sweden."

Piloting a transatlantic plane these days is just about as simple as that, in the opinion of N. Stanley Kavanagh, of 2741 Belmont Ave., Ardmore, who recently completed his twelfth round trip for the Scandinavian Air Line System.

"Bud," as he prefers to be called, was just seven at the time Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic in 1927 and he remembers that people became quite excited about the feat. But now things are so well systematized that flying the ocean is "just a job" to an experienced pilot.

A graduate of Lower Merion High School, "Bud" was attending Temple University when the war interrupted his education. Because he had always wanted to fly, he signed up for Naval Aviation and soon won his wings. Through the war he piloted Navy transport planes to Europe, to the Caribbean and to the Pacific Theatre—and came out with the rank of lieutenant.

War's end found him looking for a job—preferably a "big paying" job. He got it piloting a 28-passenger Douglas DC4 between New York and Stockholm. But although the pay was big, there was too little "take home pay," so he resigned.

He's glad he had the experience, though, and found much in Sweden to admire.

"The people are somewhat reserved, but once they get to know you they are very friendly," he said. "They'll go out of their way to do nice things for you."

"And yet when they're boarding a tram—that's a trolley—or a bus (Continued on Page Four)

LOCAL SONGSTER



NANCY NILAND

Who makes her debut this week as featured artist with Richard Himber and his band, at the Essex House, in New York City. Miss Niland formerly lived at 616 Lorraine Ave., Ardmore, and in Beechwood, Haverford, and was graduated from the Haverford Township grade schools and from Ellis College. She has been singing professionally for two years, and had her own program over radio station WCAU. The Himber program will be broadcast over CBS during the fall and winter.

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Tells of Horse Race 'Fixing'

Optimists' Guest Perfected
Method for Determining
Use of Dopes

Dr. James C. Munch, professor of pharmacology at Temple University and a member of the United States Public Health Service, was guest speaker Tuesday at the meeting of the Ardmore Optimists Club.

Dr. Munch discussed the methods of detecting racehorse doping. Horse racing in this country is a six million dollar business, he pointed out. Since it embodies gambling, all types of illegal methods for fixing races are attempted. This includes the use of various medicines, known as "dopes."

Since the federal government, the state government and the municipal government takes a tax, they are all interested in the honest handling of the business. Dr. Munch has perfected a method of determining whether or not a horse has been doped, by testing saliva. Five minutes after the test is made the result is available. Formerly this took from two to three days.

"There is only one way to win on the horses," the speaker told his audience. "That is, don't bet on them! There is no way an outsider could possibly know which horse is going to win. Each time one method of dishonesty is curtailed, another springs up. It's a fine spectacle to watch, especially on a nice day. But take my advice: don't bet on those bob-tailed nags!"

Dr. Munch was introduced by Carl Wilson, chairman of the program committee.

Dr. Clayton Undercoffer presided at the business session, during which plans were made for Optimists Week. The Ardmore and Upper Darby groups will combine at that time for a gala program, during which speakers will include Gov. James Duff and General "Ike" Eisenhower.

Public Hearings Set for Oct. 15

Commissioners Also Approve
"Harmon Homes"; Confirm
Appointment of Geirsch

Public hearings have been set for October 15 by the Lower Merion commissioners, to hear petitions which involve changing the zoning at Nos. 503 and 505 Lancaster Ave., from R-5 residential to C-1 commercial; and to change the zoning on Montgomery Ave., between Gordon Rd. and Brookhurst Rd., from C-1 commercial to C-2 commercial.

There will also be a hearing on that date, on a petition to take over and make public Broad Acres Rd., from Brachburn Lane to Brookhurst Ave., and to make improvements on Arlington Rd., from Brachburn Lane to Broad Acres Rd. eastward, to within 100 feet of the present paving.

The commissioners approved the erection within the Township of "Harmon Homes"—prefabricated houses of all-steel construction. They confirmed the permanent appointment of E. Paul Geirsch, as building inspector. Geirsch has been serving in a temporary capacity for several months.

